

# HIGH PERFORMANCE CONTROLLERS BASED ON REAL PARAMETERS TO ACCOUNT FOR PARAMETER VARIATIONS DUE TO IRON SATURATION

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#### Motivation



- There is an increasing demand for high performance motor controllers.
  - Military ground vehicles
    - On-board vehicle power (125-160kW)
    - Electrification of vehicle loads (cooling fan, HVAC, etc...)
  - Transportation
    - Automotive industry
    - Mass transportation drives, etc.
  - Better energy generation and utilization
    - Smart Grid
    - Renewable energy
- The efficiency of a motor drive is dependent on the parameters used in the motor controller.

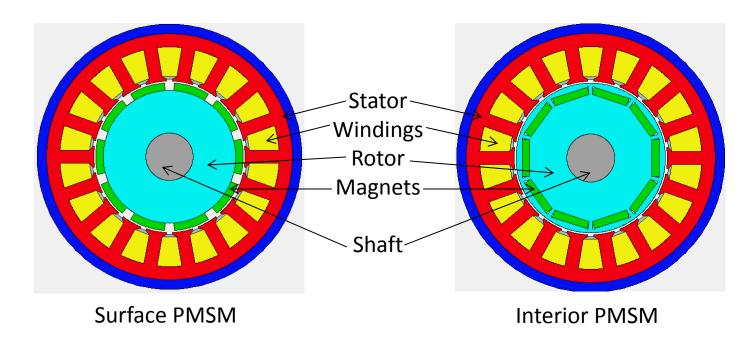




#### **Motor Model**



Motor Types, (Surface PMSM and Interior PMSM)



- Windings are distributed in a balanced 3 phase configuration.
- Rotor magnets, induce a balanced 3 phase back EMF.

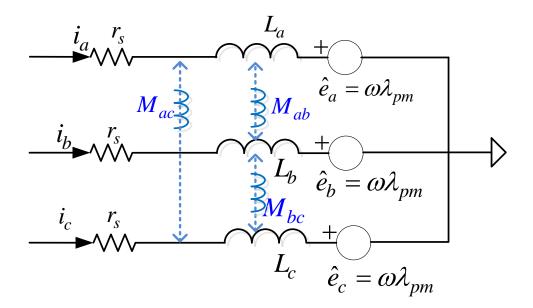




### Three phase model



Electrical model:



• Back EMF voltages,  $e_{a,b,c}$ , are produced by rotational magnetic induction.





# Transformation into the dq axis model



Using Park's transformation matrix:

$$P = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sin(\theta) & \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

To transform from 3 phase abc to 3 equivalent axes dq0:

$$x_{dq0} = P \cdot x_{abc}$$

Under balanced condition zero sequence quantities are nullified.

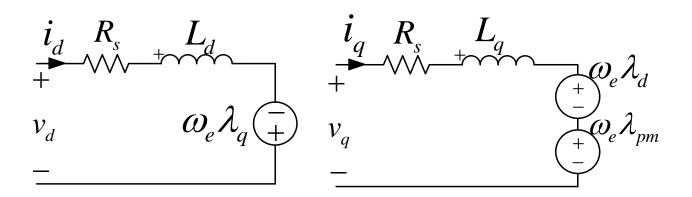




# dq motor Model



#### The motor model:



$$\begin{split} v_d &= R_s i_d + L_d \frac{di_d}{dt} - \omega_e L_q i_q & v_q &= R_s i_q + L_q \frac{di_q}{dt} + \omega_e L_d i_d + \omega_e \lambda_{pm} \\ \lambda_d &= L_d i_d + \lambda_{pm} \\ \lambda_q &= L_q i_q \\ T &= \frac{3P}{4} \left\{ \lambda_d i_q - \lambda_q i_d \right\} \end{split}$$

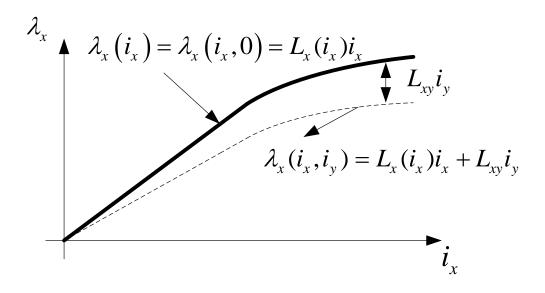




#### **Problem Statement**



The real situation, saturation:



$$\lambda_d \left( i_d, i_q \right) = L_d \left( i_d \right) i_d + L_{dq} \left( i_d, i_q \right) i_q + \lambda_{pm}$$

$$\lambda_q \left( i_d, i_q \right) = L_q \left( i_q \right) i_q + L_{ad} \left( i_d, i_q \right) i_d$$

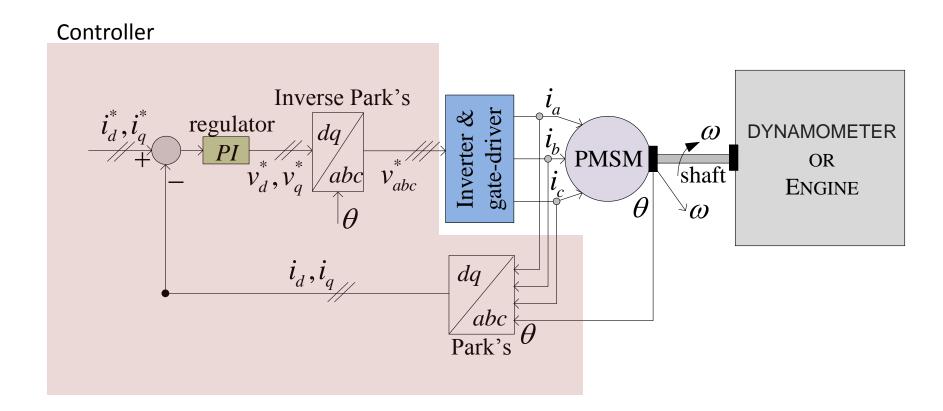




# **Experimental Setup**



#### Schematic diagram

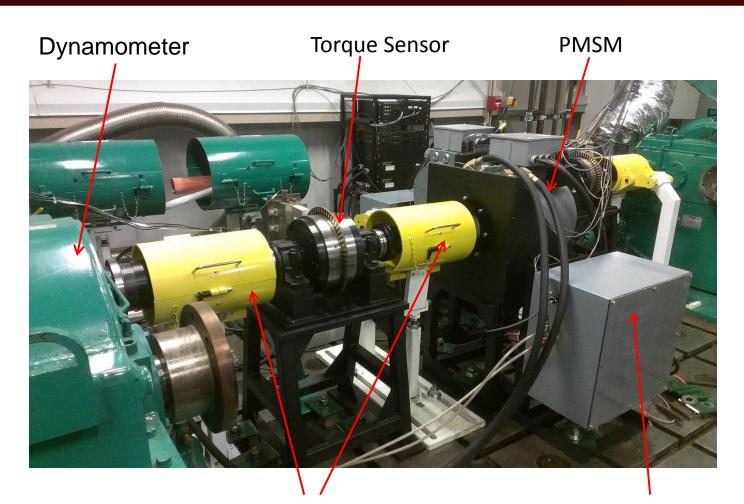






# Experimental Setup with Dynamometer





Shaft

Inverter/controller

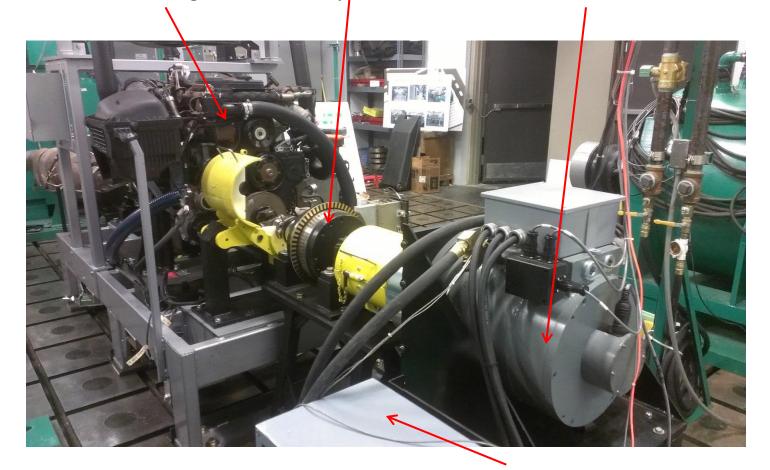




# Experimental Setup with Engine



Diesel Engine Torque Sensor PMSM Generator



Inverter/controller

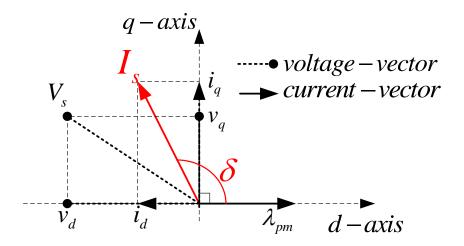




# **Experimental Characterization**



- Data collection:
- The current space vector is swept in the region of interest.



Flux calculation from measured data:

$$\lambda_d \left( i_d, i_q \right) = \frac{v_q - i_q R_s}{\omega_e} \qquad \lambda_q \left( i_d, i_q \right) = \frac{i_d R_s - v_d}{\omega_e}$$





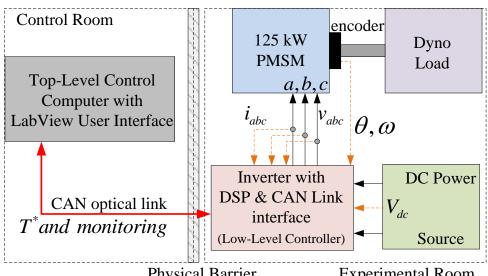
#### **Characterization Results**



#### PMSM specifications:

Parameters	Motor	Generator	
Rated power	125 kW	125 kW	
Rated speed	1500 RPM	1900 RPM	
Max speed	5000 RPM	3000 RPM	
Line voltage	480 ${\it V}_{\it LL}$	480 $V_{\mathit{LL}}$	
Max current	$250A_{peak}$	$250 A_{peak}$	
No. poles	4	8	

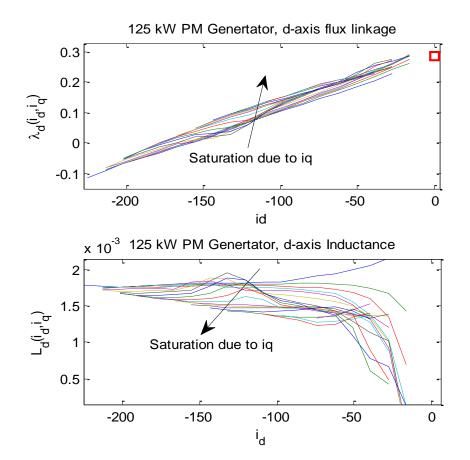
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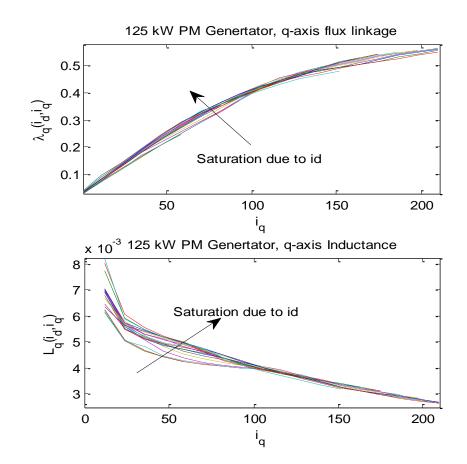




# Generator, Experimental Results





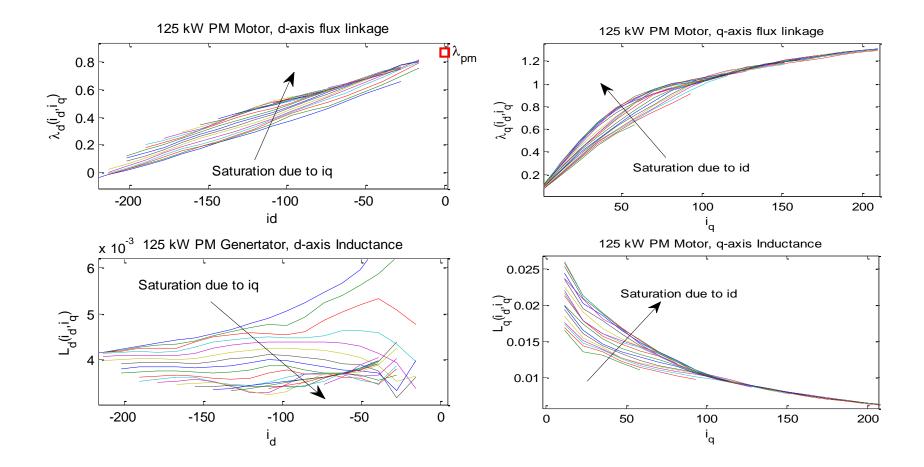






# Motor, Experimental Results





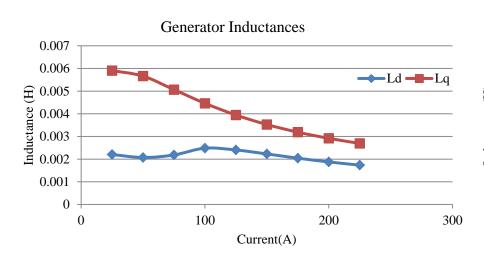


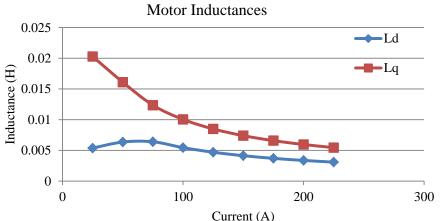


### FEA parametric results



Determined using a FEA magnetostatic simulation.





 This type of simulation was used, since it is considerably less time consuming than a full transient-magnetic simulation.

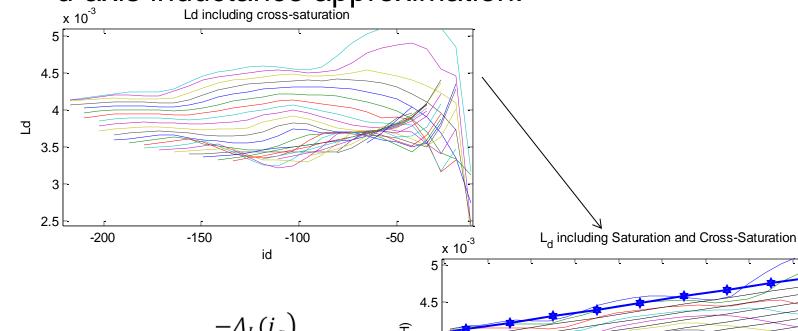


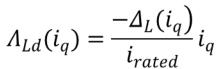


# **Proposed Linear approximation**

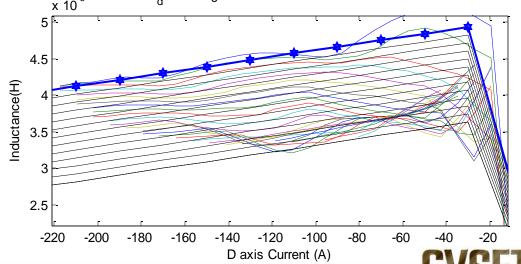


d-axis inductance approximation:





$$L_d(i_d, i_q) = L_d(i_d) + \Lambda_d^{\text{sec 1&1}}(i_q)$$

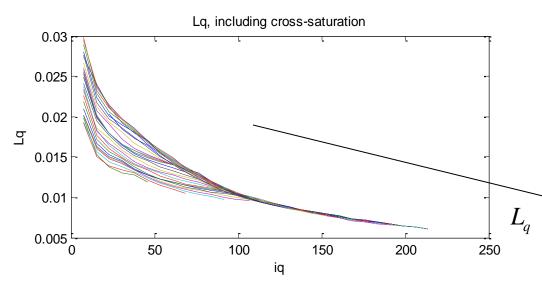




# Proposed Linear approximation



q-axis inductance approximation:

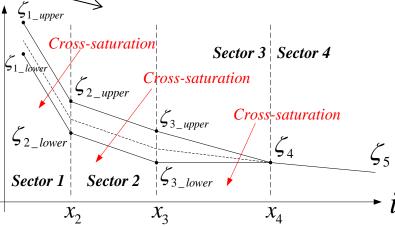


Using 4 linear sectors it is possible to represent the true Lq(id,iq).

Sector 1 and 2: Linear function with shift dependent on id.

Sector 3: Linear function, where slope changes as a function of id.

Sector 4: One linear function.







# **Proposed Linear approximation**



#### Q-axis inductance approximation sector 3:

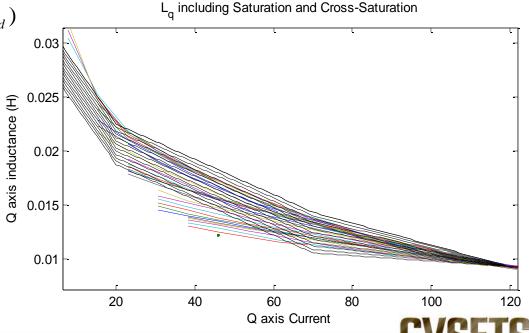
$$m(i_d) = \frac{\zeta_{3\_lower} - \zeta_{3\_upper}}{i_{d\_rated} \cdot (x_4 - x_3)} \cdot i_d + \frac{\zeta_4 - \zeta_{3\_upper}}{x_4 - x_3}$$

$$\Lambda_d^{\text{sec.3}}(i_d) = \frac{\zeta_{3\_upper} - \zeta_{3\_lower}}{i_{rated}} \cdot i_d + \zeta_{3\_upper}$$

$$L_q(i_d, i_q) \Big|_{\text{sec.3}} = m(i_d) \cdot (i_q - x_3) + \Lambda_d^{\text{sec.3}}(i_d)$$

$$L_q(i_d, i_q) \bigg|_{\text{sec.}3} = m(i_d) \cdot (i_q - x_3) + \Lambda_d^{\text{sec.}3}(i_d)$$

The proposed method to estimate the q-axis inductance, closely follows the experimentally determined inductance.

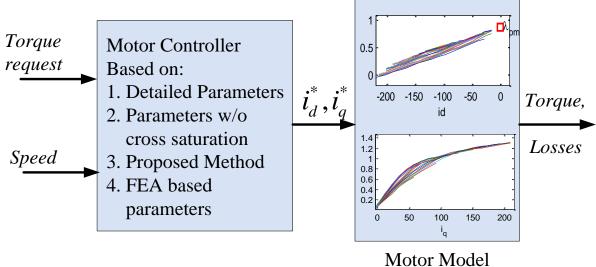




#### **Controller Evaluation**



 The performance degradation due to the exclusion of the saturation effects is evaluated using a motor controller.



Based on Experimental Data

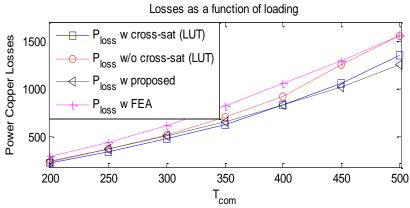
 Controllers based on different parametric information were developed and evaluated in the most accurate model.



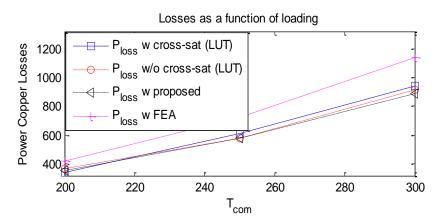


#### Results, Power Losses

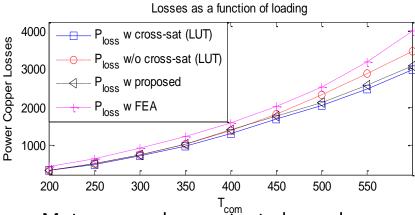




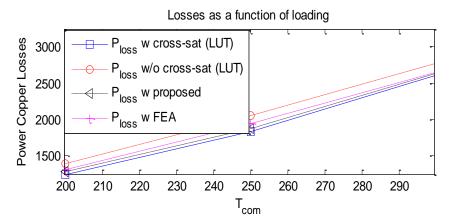
Generator power losses at rated speed



Generator power losses at 3000 RPM



Motor power losses at rated speed



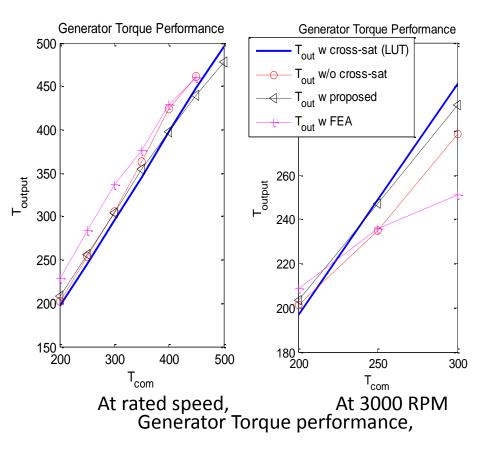
Motor power losses at 3000 RPM

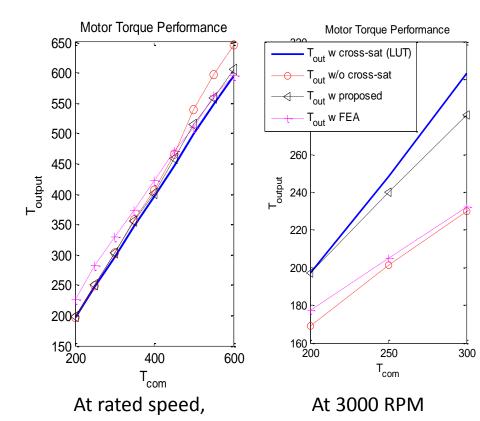




# Results, Torque Performance







Motor Torque performance,

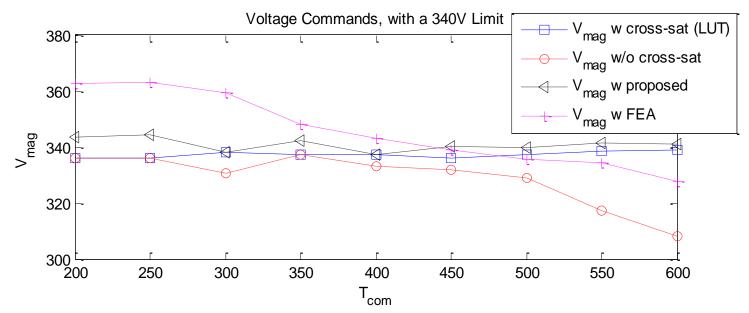




# Voltage Performance



- Voltage commands are vital for proper operation of the motor drive.
- Inverters have a voltage limit and field weakening performance depends on the voltage command.



Motor Voltage Commands at rated Speed

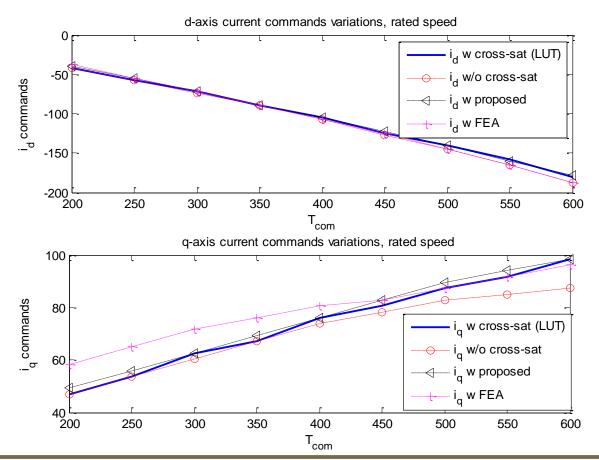




#### **Current Performance**



 Motor controller, dq-axis currents commands, as a function of torque command at rated speed.







#### Conclusions



- Including the saturation effects of a PMSM improves the torque performance of a motor drive system.
- Higher torque performance aids in reducing the motor losses. Hence, better efficiency is achieved.
- Increments in the torque performance increases the efficiency of the overall system.
- The piecewise linear approximation accurately describes the non-ideal behavior of a PMSM.
- This approach demonstrated a reduction in copper loss of up to 900W (efficiency gain of 1.36%) for a 125kW machine.
- This method is realizable in the majority of motor control DSPs due to its computational efficiency with no additional cost.

